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MONTEREY NEWS

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OUR
TOWN GOVERNMENT

At present the Board of Health is chiefly concerned with the health standards of the Camps in our community. Last summer the Camps were inspected by the State and local boards. Many deficiencies were found and the Directors of said Camps were notified that the deficiencies, which included blocked fire escapes, sewerage overflow and polluted drinking water, to name a few, had to be corrected. Furthermore, full inspection would be made this spring and licenses would not be issued unless every deficiency cited was brought to conform with the standards of the Sanitary Codes.

Robert M. Gauthier, Chairman

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The Board of Selectmen ask that all who use the Town Dump use greater care when disposing of rubbish. It is requested that same be deposited as far back as possible. Discarding the refuse just anywhere necessitates employing men and machinery to clean up--and it is your tax money being used needlessly.

Howard R. Wells

OUR CHURCHES

Our Lady of the Hills, Beartown Road, Monterey
Masses during the summer months only.

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River
Masses Sunday, 9:30 A.M. and 11 A.M.

United Church of Christ

THE FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The second Sunday in May has been celebrated as the Festival of the Christian Home over a good many years. This year on May 10 at the 10:30 Morning Worship our congregation will celebrate this festival. The sermon will be "It Takes Time to Build a Home." Hymns appropriate to the day will be used.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Day this year comes on May 17. Quite commonly this day is celebrated as the birthday of the church. Many churchmen consider Pentecost to be the third most important of the festivals in the church year, it being superseded only by Christmas and Easter.

The celebration of Pentecost in our church in the Morning Worship of May 17 includes a sermon entitled "Little Rooms Where New Worlds Are Made." Hymns, scriptures and the entire worship will recognize the power of the new spirit to remake the life of man. Some variations in the usual pattern of worship will mark this day in which the apostles were criticized for their unusual behavior.

PARISH COUNCIL AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT

What is the role of the Parish Council in our Monterey Church? It is a representative body chosen by the annual meeting. Members serve on the Council by virtue of some office they hold. It is comprised of the diaconate, trustees, chairmen of committees and organizations, as well as clerk, treasurer, and minister. The latter is required to be chairman.

The function of the Parish Council is to act on behalf of the congregation in matters relating to the welfare of the church. Matters relating to worship, program and policy are frequently handled by the Council.

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to any member who may wish to attend.

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OUR CHURCHES (cont'd)

THE CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

An occasion of much more significance than we may suppose took place in St. Louis on March 9-13. Beginning eight years ago the United Church of Christ, along with a number of other major Protestant bodies began to study whether a workable plan for church union might be found. The St Louis meeting has brought forth, finally, a plan that is now proposed for study, discussion and likely revision. In the process of time there may be action to put it into fulfillment.

Early views of the plan indicate that it provides for much diversity within the oneness that it proposes. The future may be weighted more by the action in St. Louis than any of us at this moment dare guess.

In Monterey we expect to be giving attention to this imaginative proposal. When booklets outlining the plan are printed they will be made available for study--and I am sure--discussion.

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Grange meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The activity this month has included visiting ill members and the presentation of gifts, special programs at their meeting and conferring first and second degrees upon new members. Mr. David Vickery joined recently.

There will be a Grange burial service for Miss Della Tryon on May 2 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Florence Brown is Master of Monterey Grange and Mrs. Mary Wallace is Lecturer.

The next regular meeting is May 6.

MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY

There is a new Children's Corner in the Monterey Library. Dean, Robert, and Powell Ensign have donated the bookcases for this area in memory of their father, Raymond P. Ensign. The late Mr. Ensign was a former library trustee and a regular user of the library. The bookcases are a fitting memorial, and will enable the children to select their books.

During National Library Week, the Monterey kindergarten class visited the Children's Corner, where they saw books about "Our Environment", this year's national theme.

POLLUTION, the common topic of conversation today, and many ask, "How can air pollution hurt me?" Principally by irritating the respiratory tract. It is believed that pollutants attack the tiny hair-like cells that line your air passages, slowing down, or even stopping their action.

Pollutants increase the production and thickness of mucus and thereby make breathing more difficult. This lays the respiratory system open to infection by microorganisms that healthy breathing helps to expel.

Carbon monoxide also robs the blood of some of the ability to carry oxygen, thus increasing the heart's burden.

POLLUTION TO BE TOPIC AT LEE HIGH TEACH-IN---Faculty members and 23 students are making preparations for a teach-in on pollution April 27.

The program will cover phases of air, water, land and noise pollution. Assisting in the plans are James Saart of the Hampton-Berkshire Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Assn., and Michael Salvon of the state Air Pollution Control Bureau, Amherst. Representatives of local industries have been invited to the teach-in to discuss their efforts to help solve the pollution problem. Townspeople have been invited to contribute suggestions to Principal Robert Lucy.

THE MONTEREY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is interested in purchasing or receiving land with historical or natural beauty or interest. Anyone with information on such lands, please contact any member of the Commission.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR--

"Finally the Silent Majority will stand up and show their true colors--red, white and blue! 'Wake Up America', organized two months ago in Boston, is a non-political organization which hopes to mobilize groups throughout the nation. April 26 will be the start, with a parade supporting the Constitution, flag, God, and country. The common rallying point for the group is its opposition to violence in America. Now we can show our love for our country by flying the flag of freedom and prove there really are people still in love with America!"

YESTERDAY

The bedroom as we know it today is a new idea. During the 17th and 18th Centuries it was the room where many tradesmen and guests were greeted. It was called a chamber, and the master of the house kept his desk and papers there.

In every well-appointed chamber there was a chamber stick, a candle holder that was made with a saucer-like base. The Oriental rugs, polished floors, and furniture had to be protected from the hot melting candle wax.

The chamber stick was usually kept in the front hall near a supply of candles. When you wanted to go to the bed chamber you took a chamber stick, lit the candle, and carried it through the halls to your room.

These portable lights were meant to be lightweight. Some silversmiths made elaborate heavy models with snuffers and wick trimmers.

By 1840 hard candles with braided wicks were in use and the candle snuffers were no longer needed. The early candles with plain wicks would continue to smolder, use extra wax, and emit an odor. The wick had to be snuffed out, not just blown out.

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For those interested in the things of "Yesterday" collectables of interest and value are, stamp boxes, Belleek, particularly, strap-work, small cruets, salt and peppers and eye-glass cases, to name a few.

Marie Seifert

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1735 the provincial legislature decreed that the wilderness west of Westfield should be colonized.

For practical purposes, the area now called Monterey was known as Housatonic Township #1. It was divided into seventy plots of almost equal size. These plots were located mainly on Beartown between the Art School Road and Beartown Road.

The first permanent settlers did not come until 1739 when Isaac Garfield, Thomas Slaton and John Chadwick arrived with their families. Later that year John Brewer came to Housatonic #1 to establish a mill.

The mill lot near Twelve Mile Pond as Lake Garfield was then called, was larger than the others--almost seventy acres. In turn, he was to build a saw mill within six months and keep it in good repair for the next 25 years, and also build a grist mill.

The "Old Center" as the original town of Monterey was called was situated in the hills north of the present town for the higher fields and sites were generally cleared first. From these vantage points Indian attacks could be more easily repelled.

Within a short time several after divisions were made, including land both north and south of the original plots. Some extended over the hill to the north into what is now Tyringham. New families arrived and the town began to thrive.

Sally Fijux

OUR SCHOOLS

Monterey Kindergarten: Two programs of educational enrichment have been going on this year. As most of you know, the Monterey School houses the kindergarten on a one-session basis in the morning. There are currently 19 students. One of the programs, since the Monterey School became a kindergarten three years ago, is the circulation of library books. It has been the custom to do this starting early in the spring. However, as a result of a survey conducted last fall among the parents of the students in grades one and two, it was decided to start the Library program in early fall. The survey showed that many of the books listed as favorites by the children were books that they had been introduced to in their kindergarten year. The books are loaned to the school by the Monterey Library. Mr. Newman Abercrombie has been most enthusiastic and helpful in making the program possible. So far this year 319 books have been circulated at the school.

This year a new snack program was initiated, this being a pleasant and necessary part of the youngsters' morning. In order to make it more meaningful, the parents were asked to make a small extra contribution to the milk fee usually charged. The parent co-operation was 100 percent.

Thus the youngsters have been involved in a vocabulary building, nutrition, and taste experience. The exposure has been from pomegranates to the new 1-2-3 Jello. The snack period has also contributed to helping the students learn how to count, and as an introduction into measurements.

Mrs. Anne Vickerman serves as a part-time aide, and Mrs. Georgianna O'Connell is the teacher.

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OUR SCHOOLS (CONT'D)

The Monterey Pre-School opened on April 1 and has a fine attendance.

The New Marlboro-Monterey P.T.A. is sponsoring a card party at the Hillside Restaurant April 28 at 8 p.m. For reservations, call Mrs. Dugan, 528-3656, or Ruth Champigny, 528-2856. There will be prizes galore, and the proceeds will be used for a Freedom Trail Trip to Boston for the fourth grade students at New Marlboro School.

The P.T.A. will hold their next meeting at the New Marlboro Center School on the 27th at 8 p. m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Norman Vachon, School Adjustment Counselor. Her roll is that of social worker in the public schools.

Mount Everett Regional High School:

Representatives from various schools and colleges are visiting the guidance office at Mt. Everett during the month of April. Students may sign up at the office if they wish to speak with any of these admissions officers.

Scheduled for this month are representatives from Susquehanna University, Grahm Junior College, Albright College and Newbury School of Business.

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Congressman Silvio O. Conte and George J. Bulgarelli, meteorologist at the Berkshire Weather Bureau highlighted a Conservation Program recently at the school. In co-operation with the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Liberty Council of Schools, Mt. Everett is participating in a statewide program concerning the problems of our environment. Schools throughout the state will be sponsoring teach-ins and seminars focusing on this theme.

Ruth Champigny
Margaret Vorck

SERMONETTE

God has placed each one of us in a certain place in life, to accomplish something in his great design. Accepting our lot in life and doing the best we can, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and with the help of God, will bring us the contentment that we all crave.

God does not wish from one what He requires from another, nor does He wish all to serve Him in the same way. Hence, every one cannot have the same state, occupation and mode of life, nor can one perform even as many works of piety and devotion as another. But each must attend to the Divine Service as well as he can, in the state of life assigned to him.

The great difference we see amongst men, one being poor, another rich, one being of high, another of lowly birth, one having an easy, another a hard life, is necessary for the general good, and for the preservation of the world, which could not long subsist if we were all equal.

It is God who rules everything in the world by His Divine Providence, and, with the sole exception of sin, does not allow the least thing to happen without his will and decree, so also it is He who makes that difference between men, distributes His gifts according to His own pleasure, and appoints for each one the state of life in which he now is and will be in the future. From this it follows that the distribution of states of life is just and reasonable, because the God of infinite wisdom, justice and holiness, cannot fail or err in his decree.

God has appointed the states and circumstances of life for the greater good of each individual, and because He has foreseen that such a state or such circumstances would best enable each one to gain Heaven in the way in which Divine Providence has resolved to lead him there.

Therefore, each one must not only be satisfied with his state of life, but must also rejoice and thank God for having appointed that state for him with all its circumstances. The only fear that should upset us is sin, which separates us from the source of All Good, God Himself.

The Rev. Edmund P. Healy

GOULD FARM DOINGS. . .

Easter saw a traditional celebration by the Gould Farm family. Observance began on Maundy Thursday when many guests and staff members attended Tenebrae Services in Monterey and Gt. Barrington. On Good Friday afternoon there was a special service conducted by Reverend Price in the living room of Main House. That evening there was a recorded concert of appropriate Easter music.

Saturday night there was a "hat party" in place of the usual square dance. Both men's and women's hats had been retrieved from the attic (some dated back a century!) and given to the guests to trim with flowers, leaves, or whatever else their ingenuity inspired. Prizes were given for the most attractive, the most original, the most amusing.

Easter morning most of the family attended church services. In Monterey they were conducted by Mr. Price, substituting for Dr. Brallier who had laryngitis. Then came Easter dinner featuring the traditional Easter ham. That afternoon there was an egg hunt on the grounds, despite the snow. Vesper services were conducted by Mr. Price in the living room.

Several friends of the Farm sent flowers which brightened the living and dining rooms, making a colorful contrast to the snow outside.

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Mid-March the sap began to flow, and maple syrup time began at the Farm. Preparations start in late February with the tapping of the trees. About three hundred trees were tapped this year; about 400 buckets were attached with the larger trees taking two or three.

Last year's production was over 55 gallons, representing 2200 gallons of sap. At retail store prices, that crop can be valued at nearly $800.00. Virtually all is kept for the Farm family's own use; pancakes and French toast are served weekly for breakfast.

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On April 1st, nearly thirty members of the Women's Guild of the First Congregational Church of Gt. Barrington visited the Farm. They brought with them their own lunch, with the Farm supplying dessert and coffee. Then follwed an inspection of the Farm buildings and the barns. Fortunately that Wednesday was one of the few pleasant days we've had this spring, and we believe that the ladies thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

NEWS BITS. . .

Mr. & Mrs. John Seifert and guest, Miss Geraldine Cynoske spent several days in New Hampshire this past week.

The spring collection of clothing for Church World Service has been under way for several weeks. Good lightweight clothes and blankets were packed at the church on April 16. In our next issue we will report the results.

We all send Mrs. Frances Tryon our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We extend to Mrs. Mary Thorn our deepest sympathy upon the recent death of her father, William M. Parker, of Sarasota, Florida.

April is National Cancer Month. The American Cancer Society depends on contributions to sustain its research, education and service programs. This year help the Society with a check and yourself with a check-up.

Fire Chief Raymond Tryon will inspect all camps in the area before licenses are issued.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bynack on the birth of their daughter, Nancy Lynn.

THE TRADING POST

To sell or swop for "what have you"--heart-shape tier table.

Console sewing machine to sell or swop for old jewelry. 528-2656

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Don't throw those old books away--give them to me--

Walter Parks. .528-4020

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Old puzzles (some with pieces missing) will trade for old bottle or knick-knack

Two matching chairs, need re-upholstering. $25.00 for pair or trade for one good looking living room chair.

528-2300

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100 Cylinder Records, $10.00 each.

528-1604

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5-Gal. Aquarium, all equipped, $10.00. Call Julie Burns, 528-0862 after 6 p.m.

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New Universal Elec. built-in oven and counter-top. $175.00

Wanted: Old china, glass and lamps.

528-2490

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Handsome, dark brown gelding for sale.

Call 528-2554

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THE EDITOR'S DESK. . .The many comments received regarding our first paper were very gratifying and we trust your interest and comments will continue.

We have many talented people in our little town and we will welcome any contribution for our readers' interest.

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A SPECIAL ARTICLE IS PUBLISHED WITH THIS ISSUE OF THE MONTEREY NEWS, THROUGH THE INTEREST AND CONCERN OF OUR POLICE CHIEF TED FALCON.

THE ARTICLE DESERVES YOUR EARNEST ATTENTION AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PRESERVE THE COPY FOR REFERENCE.

MR. FALCON IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR HIS EFFORTS TO BRING THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY.

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As an employee of the Southern New England Telephone Co., for many years, I became aware very early in my career the importance of knowing how to use a telephone under emergency conditions. As an operator, the importance of saving time was brought to significance when I witnessed a loss of life because of thirty precious seconds needlessly lost.

Emergencies do not always happen "to the other fellow", they can happen to you, and just how you use the telephone at such a time can mean the difference between life and death.

When you need help. . .

1. GIVE YOUR NAME AND LOCATION. . .

2. STATE THE EMERGENCY. . .

If talking to an operator, give her your telephone number. She might need it and it will save time.

Do not hang up the telephone too quickly. Give the person you are reporting to an opportunity to ask a question or give advice.

Instruct young people how to use the telephone when help is needed.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

P.T.A. Meeting. . . . . April 27

P.T.A. Card Party. . . April 28

Grange Meeting . . . . . May 6

CUB SCOUT NEWS:

Theme for March was Craftsman. The Cubs did a wonderful job building bird houses. We would like to thank Mr.Carson of Hartsville for donating his time and patience to help them.

April theme is Circus, and we hope to do great things at our next Pack Meeting.

CIGARETTE BAN APPROVED. . .

A joint congressional conference committee in Washington has approved a bill banning cigarette commercials from radio and television after Jan. 1, 1971, assuring prompt passage.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dodie Heath and applause for "Faline" on her thespian debut last week!

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